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Dear Mr. Galante:

This is further to our letter dated 15 April 2019 regarding your 4 April 2019 Freedom of Information Act request for records relating to, mentioning, or generated as a result of the August 28, 1980 attempted assassination of John Gunther Dean, then serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon. Responsibility for this attack was claimed by the Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners. We noted in our prior correspondence that we might need to contact you for additional information or clarification. Specifically, we are reaching out to you to see if you would object to a search for CIA-originated assessments on the attempted assassination on 28 August 1980 of the US Ambassador to Lebanon. We will hold your request for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response to our recommendation. If we do not hear from you within the time frame, we will assume that you agreed to our modification and will proceed to conducting the search on that basis.

Sincerely,

Mark Lilly

Information and Privacy Coordinator